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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

RE: Revisions to the Federal Transit Administration Formula Programs and FY 2009-10 AB664 Bridge Toll Program to Reflect Final Federal Appropriations

Background

MTC is the designated recipient of the region's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) and Fixed Guideway Modernization (Section 5309 FG) funds, totaling about \$350 million per year. MTC programs these funds to eligible transit operators to support transit capital replacement and rehabilitation projects, and preventive maintenance costs. The FY 2009-2010 through FY 2011-12 program was originally approved in 2009 with the understanding that it would need to be revised after FTA issued final apportionments each year. This item finalizes the FY 2009-10 program, makes several minor revisions to the FY 2010-11 program, and commensurate updates to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Staff was unable to present the proposed program revisions to the Programming and Allocations Committee because of the delay in the release of final apportionments by FTA.

AB 664 Net Bridge Toll Revenues are used to match federally funded transit capital projects that relieve congestion on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay, San Mateo-Hayward, and Dumbarton bridges, including projects from operators that provide feeder service to BART. AB 664 funds are programmed to eligible operators in proportion to FTA formula programming.

Final Apportionments

FTA released the final FY 2009-10 apportionments for its formula programs on May 13th. Several of the region's urbanized areas experienced moderate shortfalls compared to the initial revenue estimates. The shortfalls total approximately \$11 million. This is due to the FTA formula programs being level-funded by Congress in FY 2009-10. Staff is currently working with FTA and transit operator staff to identify revisions to the program to address the shortfalls. The revisions will include a combination of transferring project costs between programs and urbanized areas, deferring projects by one year, and making modest program reductions.

Other Program Changes

In addition, staff is working with SamTrans/Caltrain staff to make program adjustments to capital projects to make funding available for member contributions to the Peninsula Joint Powers Board for Caltrain operations.

Specifically, Samtrans is proposing to retire ten buses to better align with the planned service

levels after implementing a 7 ½% service reduction. The program capacity of roughly \$4 million not needed for the buses would be redirected to preventive maintenance. SFMTA may have a similar request but staff is still confirming their needs.

Staff will present the proposed revisions, including the associated TIP amendment, to the Commission at its May 26th meeting. At that time staff will also present proposed revisions to the FY 2009-10 AB 664 program (MTC Resolution No. 3917, Revised) and allocations (MTC Resolution No. 3945) that reflect the revisions to the FTA program.

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